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WILLIAM D. PAYNE MAYORAL PLATFORM

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I AM SEEKING THE OFFICE OF MAYOR TO RETURN HONESTY, DIGNITY, AND INTEGRITY TO CITY HALL AND TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER. AMONG THE PRIORITIES OF THE PAYNE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE THE REDUCTION OF TAXES AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND RESTORATION OF PRIDE IN NEWARK. WE ARE COMMITTED TO A TRUE RENAISSANCE; INCLUSIVE OF NEWARKERS BENEFITTING FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS CENTER AND PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

TAXES:

MAYOR JAMES HAS RAISED PROPERTY TAXES 67% DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION.

OUR ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTROL TAX INCREASES AND DECREASE TAXES THROUGH EFFICIENT FISCAL CONTROLS.

ALSO, WE WILL REPLACE INCOMPETENT DIRECTORS WHO HAVE COST THE CITY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN LOST FEDERAL FUNDS.

WE WILL CONTINUE OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL AND SENATE OFFICES AND AGENCIES TO OBTAIN MONIES FOR LOCAL PROGRAMS TO RELIEVE THE CITY TAX BURDEN.

MAYOR'S OFFICE ON EDUCATION INITIATIVES

NEWARK HAS A FAILED SCHOOL SYSTEM !

I WILL MEET IMMEDIATELY WITH LOCAL AND STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP.

WE WILL ESTABLISH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON EDUCATION INITIATIVES, INVOLVING NEWARK STAKEHOLDERS, TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR THE SCHOOLS' "TAKEOVER" BY THE CITY OF NEWARK. THIS OFFICE WILL FOCUS OUR RESOURCES AND INFLUENCE ON THE SYSTEM TO IMPROVE NEWARK EDUCATION. WE WILL WORK WITH THE DEDICATED TEACHERS AND THE NEWARK COLLEGES TO REPLICATE AND DEVELOP INNOVATIVE URBAN EDUCATION INITIATIVES.

CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIME IN NEWARK HAS RISEN TO ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES IN THE NATION DURING THE JAMES ADMINISTRATION.

OUR ADMINISTRATION WILL WORK TO REDUCE CRIME BY HIRING ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS AND BY THE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF POLICE PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES.

WE WILL EXPAND FOOT PATROLS AND COMMUNITY POLICING AND INTRODUCE PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING METHOD WHICH ATTEMPTS TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES OF CRIME.

HEALTH CONCERNS

POOR HEALTH CONDITIONS EXIST IN NEWARK, INCLUDING; HIGH INFANT MORTALITY, AIDS AND TUBERCULOSIS. THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S POSITION REMAINS VACANT AFTER TWO YEARS AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH HAS NO HEALTH CARE TRAINING.

WE WILL ESTABLISH A CITIZEN'S HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL; INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE BY EXPANDING CLINICS THROUGHOUT NEIGHBORHOODS; INITIATE PHYSICIAN CARE IN SCHOOLS; ENFORCE STRICT CODE ENFORCEMENT TO PREVENT DEATHS SUCH AS THOSE IN THE NEWARK HIGH RISE AND THE DEATHS BY FREEZING WHICH OCCURRED LAST WINTER.

WE WILL ESTABLISH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON MANAGEMENT AND ETHICAL PRACTICES TO MONITOR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE HONESTY, DIGNITY, AND INTEGRITY ARE ADHERED TO THROUGHOUT CITY GOVERNMENT.

POSITIVE ROLE MODEL

I WILL BE A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK AND ESPECIALLY FOR OUR CHILDREN!

YOUTH ADVOCACY TASK FORCE

EARLY INTERVENTION IS THE BEST PREVENTION AGAINST CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR OCCURRING DURING OUR CHILDREN'S TEENAGE YEARS. MOST CHILDREN WANT OPPORTUNITIES TO PREPARE FOR A MEANINGFUL FUTURE.

WE WILL ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE FOR YOUTH ADVOCACY TO INCLUDE PARTICIPATION BY YOUTHS. WE WILL PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE YOUTHS SUCH AS SCHOOL-BASED MENTORING PROGRAMS; AFTER-SCHOOL STUDY CENTERS.

WE WILL SEEK FUNDING TO ESTABLISH CITY-WIDE, AFTER-SCHOOL SUPERVISED RECREATION PROGRAMS.

SENIOR CITIZENS

OFFICE OF SENIORS AFFAIRS WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO ELICIT SENIOR CITIZENS INPUT ON ISSUES AFFECTING THE ENTIRE POPULATION WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE NEEDS OF SENIORS.

OTHER ISSUES WHICH OUR ADMINISTRATION WILL ADDRESS ARE HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS.